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Application of:

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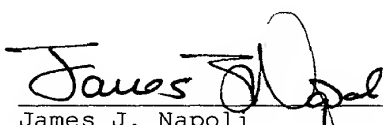
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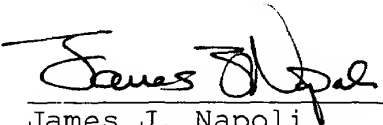
Sir:

Please advise when an Office Action can be expected in the above-identified application. Kindly note that we have received no response to an application filed August 22, 2001.

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